
State Title V Partnerships

The Title V Director has placed a priority on increasing diversity and inclusiveness of local partners as well as an emphasis on authentic inclusion of families. Examples of enhanced family engagement in 2017 included more parent representation on advisory committees (e.g., Newborn Screening, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI)), and identifying leadership positions for family representatives on committee boards (e.g., EHDI, SUD committee).

Breadth of Virginia's Title V Partnerships and Collaborations

The Virginia MCH initiative is linked to many other federal or state funded efforts to improve the health of MCH populations. Below is a list and description of how each effort supports the greater initiative.

Other MCHB Investments

- State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI): The SSDI project provides data capacity and support to the Title V program and specifically aims to: 1) build and expand state MCH data capacity to support the Title V MCH Block Grant program activities and contribute to data-driven decision making, including assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation; 2) advance the development and utilization of linked information systems between key MCH datasets in the state; and 3) provide data support for quality improvement activities (Virginia Infant Mortality Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network and the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative)
- Family-2-Family Health Information Centers: The Virginia Center works closely with the VDH team and is part of the decision-making leadership of the Title V Block grant. The Center supports a network of family representatives that are engaged in peer-to-peer support, family education, provider education and strategic planning for the overall MCH initiative.
- Newborn and Early Childhood Screenings: The newborn screening program is largely funded through special funds (lab fees) in Virginia. The newborn screening program also receives funds from CDC and additional HRSA funding to support the data systems in dried blood spot and early hearing detection intervention including the automatic referral system to early intervention (Part C) that is housed within the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)).
- Genetics: There is no separate genetics program in Virginia related to MCH outside of the newborn screening program. Three genetic centers are contracted with the state newborn screening program (dried blood spot) to provide genetic services to our newborn screening program staff and the families we serve.

- Blood Disorders: The blood disorders program receives partial funding from Title V and general funds from Virginia. These funds support the sickle cell and hemophilia programs, education, outreach and support to families, children and youth with special healthcare needs. There is also support for the staff who maintain the centers. These centers also receive other funding through grants and other funding streams unique to each center.
- Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV): The MIECHV grant is managed within the same division as the Title V grant and provides early childhood education and support to young families. In Virginia, the MIECHV grant supports *Early Impact Virginia*, the stand alone collaborative that provides an umbrella organization for policy development, workforce development, training and education for home visiting. In addition, a comprehensive on-line professional development program has been established through James Madison University and is supported by MIECHV. MIECHV also funds the data system for the consistent collection and management of data across all of the MIECHV home visiting programs in Virginia.
- Healthy Start: Healthy Start is housed in the same division as Title V and is the only program in VDH with the stated purpose of eliminating the racial disparities in infant mortality. The evidence informed home visiting program serves three Virginia communities. Currently, we are looking at the curriculum and may be revising the curriculum for more up-to-date best practices.
- Additional program efforts:
 - *Injury Prevention*: Within the Division of Health Promotion is the Child Passenger Safety Program, which focuses on promoting proper safety seat restraint use for children until they transition to the vehicle safety belt (approximately birth through nine years of age), increasing risk perception and correct usage of child restraints among parents and caregivers through outreach and education, providing proper installation education and addressing the barriers that prohibit access to safety devices.
 - *Autism Spectrum Disorders*: The Child Development Centers (CDC) funded by Title V may see a child with autism and if so, a referral is made to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS). The Autism program is housed in DBHDS. Families are also linked to the Family-2-Family Center.
 - *Developmental Disabilities*: Children with developmental disabilities may be seen in the Child Development Centers funded by Title V. If a diagnosis is made, referrals to DBHDS or other health specialists are made and families are linked to the Family-2-Family Center.
 - *Adolescent Health*: In Virginia, adolescent health is addressed by several programs across VDH and external to VDH. The School Health Nursing Coordinator is funded by Title V and works in partnership with the Department of Education School Nurse Specialist to support school nurses in Virginia. The focus of the VDH school health-nursing specialist is care of children within the public school setting as well as private and parochial school settings. The CYSHCN program oversees programs specific to the CYSHCN communities. The Abstinence Education program

works with communities interested in a youth abstinence education program. The adolescent wellness coordinator works with many community partners and across state agencies including schools to improve wellness within children and youth with a special emphasis on nutrition, obesity and physical activity. The funding to support this staff is primarily through the CDC.

- *Oral Health*: Efforts are partially funded by Title V and other federal grants. The focus is on oral health of CYSHCN as well as pregnant women and young children. The Dental Health Unit was awarded a Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement Expansion grant (PIOHQIE) to work with pregnant mothers and Head Start children.
- *Emergency Medical Services for Children*: MCH populations are included in all our VDH emergency preparedness activities and plans.

Other Federal Investments

- Administration for Children and Families (ACF): The FY17 State Abstinence Education grant program managed through the Comprehensive Reproductive Health unit.
- Centers for Disease Control and USDA:
 - Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS): Virginia PRAMS (<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/prams/>) is a collaborative project with the CDC that assesses maternal risk and behaviors before, during, and after pregnancy. The VDH Office of Family Health Services, Division of Population Health Data administers the grant. A steering committee, which includes Title V MCH representative, provides input and support. Virginia's MCH programs use data from PRAMS to inform planning and programming to improve outcomes. Data for 2016 will be weighted and available in 2018.
 - Immunizations: The Division of Immunization has as its mission the reduction of morbidity and mortality associated with vaccine-preventable diseases. Staff collaborate with DCFH to provide the most up-to-date information regarding immunizations as well as feedback for proposed Code and regulatory changes for early childhood and school age health.
 - Infant and Child Death Reviews: The MIH coordinator serves on the maternal mortality review and the Healthy Start project director (housed within the same division as Title V) serves on the child fatality review along with representatives from the Injury Prevention Program in the Division of Prevention and Health Promotion. The Title V Director serves as alternate.
 - WIC and CACFP: The Virginia WIC Program (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children) serves to improve the health of pregnant women, infants and children (under 5 years) through better nutrition and access to health care. The Program provides nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion and support, supplemental nutritious

foods, counseling at WIC clinics, and screening and referrals to other health, welfare, and social services. The Child and Adult Care Food Program provides year-round supplemental federal funding to eligible child care, family day care, Head Start, at-risk after school care, emergency shelter and adult care centers. Funding provides nutritious meals and snacks to lower income participants in these care programs. Funding for CACFP also helps make these care programs more affordable for families.

- Other HRSA programs (e.g., community health centers and HIV/AIDS/AIDS programs and Area Health Education Centers): The VDH regularly partners with the community health centers and Area Health Education Centers in Virginia, particularly in the family planning and prenatal care programs through strategic planning, annual meetings to discuss changes in programs or service delivery, collaboration on new initiatives (e.g., LARC initiative) and discussion to improve the coordinated care in local communities. There is no outside funding related to this collaboration.

State and Local MCH Programs

- Local Health Departments: All 35 health districts in Virginia receive Title V funding.
- Other state VDH programs:
 - *Behavioral and mental health and substance abuse:* the VDH MCH team collaborates with Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services in the areas of Substance Use Disorder for women and pregnant women as well as substance exposed infants. The Title V Director and MIH Coordinator have worked on DBHDS projects to develop Plans of Safe Care and improve systems of care. The newly launched VNPC has taken on NAS and SUD and has two active working groups with representatives from across the state and from many disciplines. These groups are developing work plans for the coming year.

Other State Governmental Agencies

- Medicaid: VDH has a close relationship with Medicaid agency, Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS). In 2017, VDH and DMAS finished two partnerships for National Governor's Association (NGA) initiatives related to improving MCH populations. In addition, the Title V Director was invited to be part of the review team for the new Medicaid contracts in Virginia, which demonstrates significant partnership and collaboration.
- CHIP: The Title V Director serves as a voting member of the Children Health Insurance Program Advisory committee in Virginia and is involved in the appropriate activities related to the committee (e.g., data research, educational efforts for providers etc.)
- Education: The Title V Director has a close working relation to several divisions within the Department of Education. For example, there is a strong collaboration

between school health nursing and VDH, DOE and the Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (VA-AAP), which jointly plans an annual conference for school nurses and pediatricians on school health issues. The Title V Director serves on the Advisory Committee for the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) that distributes state funds to schools and community-based organizations to provide quality preschool programs for at-risk four-year olds.

- Social Services/Child Welfare: The Title V Director collaborates with the Department of Social Services in programs related to substance exposed infants and women with substance use disorder. For example, the Handle with Care initiative developed Plans of Safe Care for mothers and infants. In addition, the Early Childhood Health Consultant serves on the DSS Health Advisory Council for Head Start and provides subject matter expertise on issues related to health and safety.
- Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI): DBVI is committed to providing quality services to assist Virginia's citizens who are blind, deafblind or vision impaired in achieving their maximum level of employment, education, and personal independence. The department provides an array of specialized services to blind Virginians of all ages to assist them in attaining the skills, confidence and positive outlook that are critical to independence. For example, local Audible egg hunts for children under age five, Blind/adaptive skating and hockey for youth, and Walk Our Way-family fun day. The VDH EHC has collaborated to provide health information and resources and training information related to developmental screening and Bright Futures.
- Corrections and Vocational Rehabilitation Services: VDH is exploring developing relationships with the Department of Corrections related to addressing the opioid crisis in Virginia as well as providing family planning services to individuals in the DOC.

Other Entities

- Tribes, Tribal Organizations and Urban Indian Organizations: The VDH Office of Health Equity (although not funded by Title V) works with the tribal communities in Virginia to address health equity and improve services and care for the communities.
- Public health and health professional educational programs and universities: Several MCH staff are adjunct professors at area universities, provide supervision for graduate MPH students and regularly collaborate with many universities in Virginia.
- Other organizations that serve the state's MCH population: Other groups that are actively engaged with Title V staff and Virginia's MCH efforts include Virginia Midwives Association, Virginia Chapters of ACOG, AWONN, and AAP, Virginia Early Childhood Foundation, and many faculty and staff at the University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Eastern Virginia Medical School, Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters, INOVA Medical Center, James Madison University, Carillion Health System, and Virginia Tech.

External Advisory Boards, Coalitions, and Councils

MCH team members participate in health advisory committees and councils. Some directly address Title V goals and objectives (e.g. CHIPAC focuses on child and adolescent health), while others are broader in scope and provide opportunities to investigate and plan multi-level approaches to improving the health of MCH populations (e.g. Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council, VICC, works on early childhood programs). Each serves as an ongoing resource for information on the six Title V population domains and, in turn, are provided with updates from the state MCH program. Selected groups that provide such information to the state Title V program are presented below.

Name of Group	State MCH Team Representative	Population Domain(s) and/or Issue Addressed
Children's Health Insurance Program Advisory Board (CHIPAC)	MCH/Title V Director	child and adolescent health, oral health, health coverage
Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council (VICC)	Early Childhood Health (ECH) Consultant	Early Intervention with state representatives from early childhood programs, screening and referrals
Early Impact Virginia	ECH Team	infant mortality, child health, maternal health, prenatal care (home visiting programs)
Virginia School Nurse Association	School and Adolescent Health (SAH) Coordinator	child and adolescent health, Bright Futures guidelines
Annual Meeting of Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (VA-AAP)	SAH Coordinator	child and adolescent health, Bright Futures guidelines
March of Dimes Committee (MOD)	Maternal Infant Health (MIH) Coordinator	maternal and child health
5 Star Breastfeeding Program	MIH Coordinator	maternal and child health
Infant Mental Health Task Force	MCH/Title V Director	infant health
Long-Acting Reversible	MIH Coordinator, Comprehensive	unintended pregnancy, birth spacing

Contraceptives (LARC) Workgroup	Reproductive Health (CRH) Supervisor	
Department of Education (DOE) Virginia Preschool Initiative +	MCH/Title V Director	school readiness for 4-year olds in high-risk communities
Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative (VNPC)	MIH Coordinator	maternal and infant health, and preterm birth
Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) Taskforce	MIH Coordinator	maternal and infant health
Safe Sleep Initiative	MIH Coordinator	infant mortality (IM) and safe sleep
IM Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (ColIN)	MIH Coordinator	safe sleep
Child Health ColIN	Director, Division Prevention and Health Promotion (DPHP)	injury prevention
Head Start Collaborative Advisory Board and Head Start State Health Advisory Committee	ECH	Early Childhood health; developmental screening
Early Childhood Mental Health Advisory Board	ECH; MIECHV Project Director	Early Childhood mental health; Social, Emotional and Behavioral Health Issues related to developmental screening
Infant Toddler Specialist Network Advisory Board	ECH	Early Childhood health
HANDLE with CARE	MCH Title V Director	SAMHSA TA award to DBHDS to develop plans of safe care for mothers with substance use disorder and substance exposed infants
Maternal Mortality Review	MIH Coordinator	to study and understand causes of maternal mortality and identify potential preventative measures

		to implement to prevent future deaths
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